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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 40-90 are pending in the application. Claims 60-62, 89 and 90 are allowed. Claims 79 and 80 are objected to and the remaining claims, 40-59, 63-78 and 81-88 stand rejected by the Office Action.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 2nd paragraph

The Office Action rejected Claims 63 and 67 as being indefinite. Claim 63 was amended after the first office action in an attempt to further clarify its distinction from the cited art. The amended text can be understood in view of the preamble of the claim. The preamble of claim 63 recites: "A method of coupling a signal propagating from a first wave guide configured for a first